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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT ACTION USCINCSO QUARRY HTS CZ//SC-A//
INFO BRASILIA AND USAFPCS LATIN AMERICAN REGION ALBROOK
AFB CZ FROM COMUSMILGP RIO DE JANEIRO BR//SCBRC// JUL 31
BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE UNCLAS GENERAL BOLLING SENDS FOR GENERAL ROSSON.

DEPT FOR A/OS AND ARA/MGT

SUBJ: APO SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

1. ON FRIDAY 27 JULY MINISTER CLEVELAND AND I DISCUSSED AT
LENGTH THE PROBLEM SURROUNDING APO SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN
SCHOOL IN BRASILIA. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE RECEIVED EXPLICIT
INSTRUCTIONS TO MAINTAIN A "STATUS QUO" UNTIL NEW GUIDANCE FROM
WASHINGTON IS PUBLISHED. DELAY OF SUCH GUIDANCE HAS CREATED SERIOUS
PROBLEMS FOR THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN BRASILIA, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW
OF THE FACT THAT MANY CRITICAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES WERE ORDERED
THROUGH THE APO SYSTEM IN MAY ON THE BASIS OF A STATE
DEPARTMENT MESSAGE INDICATING THE LIKELIHOOD OF A MAJOR CHANGE IN
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT POLICY.

2. HOWEVER, UNFORTUNATELY AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING
INSTRUCTIONS, THE APO PERSONNEL RETURNED THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO
THE SENDER IN EVERY CASE IN WHICH AN APPARENT MISUSE OF THE APO
CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN EVIDENT. THIS ACTION
NOT ONLY THREW THE SCHOOL BOOK ORDER INTO A STATE OF CHAOS BUT
ALSO RESULTED IN THE PREVENTION OF SUCH AUTHORIZED THINGS AS COLLEGE
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BOARD TESTS FROM ARRIVING ON SCHEDULE.

THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO SALVAGE AS MUCH AS HE CAN. HE HAS INITIATED NEW ORDERS FOR SUPPLIES TO BE DELIVERED BY SHIP, A TIME CONSUMING PROCESS WHICH WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENT OF OPENING DAY. HE IS ALSO EXPLORING OTHER AVENUES OF APPROACH.

3. IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER CLEVELAND, I DESCRIBED ACTIONS TAKEN BY BOTH YOU AND ME IN WHICH WE SOUGHT THE PUBLICATION OF APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE. I ALSO EXPLAINED THAT NEITHER YOU NOR I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DEVIATE FROM INSTRUCTIONS PUBLISHED APO SYSTEM. MINISTER CLEVELAND UNDERSTANDS THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UPON US. HE HAS, HOWEVER, SOLICITED OUR SUPPORT TO EXPEDITE PUBLICATION OF NEW GUIDANCE. IN EXPRESSING HIS PERSONAL INTEREST TO ME, HE INDICATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IS A MAJOR INSTRUMENT IN THE MAINTENANCE OF MORALE OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN BRASILIA, AND THAT THE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT OFFERED THE SCHOOL BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES APPEARS TO BE JUSTIFICATION FOR SUPPORT BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. I ASSURED HIM THAT I WOULD APRISE YOU OF HIS CONCERN.

4. AS A MEANS OF ATTACKING THE CURRENT EMERGENCY, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN:

A. I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE LOCAL APO TO RETURN NO SCHOOL SUPPLIES REACHING THIS STATION AS A RESULT OF THE ORIGINAL ORDER. THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FROM BOTH AN ECONOMIC AND ACADEMIC POINT OF VIEW.

B. WE ARE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF DELIVERING SCHOOL SUPPLIES THROUGH CHARLESTON ON THE MAC RUN, WITH REIMBURSEMENT TO USAF FROM THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

C. BOTH MINISTER CLEVELAND AND I ARE ADVISING OUR RESPECTIVE HIGHER HEADQUARTERS OF THE DILEMA IN THE HOPE THAT SUCH AN EXPRESSION WILL EXPEDITE THE PUBLICATION SPECIFIC GUIDANCE RELATIVE TO APO SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

5. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, I HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ASST SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR EDUCATION, WHO IS ALLEGED TO BE DISPLEASED THAT THE THREE SERVICES HAVE NOT YET REACTED TO HIS MEMO OF LAST WINTER. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT OUR MAJOR PROBLEM IS TO GENERATE A DECISION AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL BETWEEN HIM AND US.
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6. BOTH MINISTER AND I WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE OF ANY ACTION TAKEN BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS TO BREAK THE LOG JAM.
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